

## **KAMP KANAWANA**

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT 1987**

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PROGRAMS

## Nature

For the first time Kanawana hired a nature specialist, Chris Adam to introduce and develop an environmental program. The results were spectacular. Natural awareness became a high focal point for campers and staff alike: Chris succeed in exciting and educating even the skeptics. This is essential for Kamp Kanawana; as an outdoor based program it is socially imperative that we assist in the promotion of environmental literacy. The nature room became the hub of activity for our campers (especially the juniors) and on visitors days it was the first place that campers would bring their parents, and they (the campers) would teach their parents about our fragile world. This living classroom contained, at any given time, 75 different species of wildlife found at Kamp Kanawana from ants to meadow voles, from Jaws (our glutinous bullfrog) to Lee (our pet catfish). However, more important than the voluminous information that was relayed from our expert to our questioning minds, was an attitude, or set of morals that made our campers aware of their responsibility toward, and the impact that they can have upon, our environment. Chris is hoping to expand upon and create a larger program which will even have a greater impact for the summer of 88.

## Farm Program

Horses, sheep, goats, rabbits and chickens shared their summer with our campers for the first time at Kamp Kanawana. For many of our campers it was their first opportunity to see, feed and pet these animals. While the program was successful as an introduction it did not fulfill the objectives that were hoped for. It was brought into Kamp Kanawana in order to increase a sense of responsibility in junior campers by having them look after the animals for a set period of time and in order to create a bond between junior campers and animals which would lower cases of homesickness: animals are often easier to communicate to than are humans. What was lacking was a part time resource person to implement the program and insure its follow through. So while the kids visited the animals, the C.I.T.s took care of them. While the C.I.T.s found this to be rewarding, it was not the objective of the program. Much of the homesickness was alleviated however through the interaction between our campers and the wild animals in our nature program. Should the farm program be properly structured with a responsible staff member at its' head I would recommend reintroducing it. For next year I recommend that we scrap the program and introduce a simpler program which would entail raising grouse for the summer. We could raise the birds all summer and release them on the last day of camp.

## All Kamps

Lumbermen and Voyageur, Grease Day and Olympic Day were all spectacular. Sir Kay, or Arthur's Lost Knight, was slightly less than mediocre. Oh well, three out of four aren't bad.

### Mini Programs

Pony Express, Monk Meals, Letter Meals, Sneakouts, Twin Meals, Color Meals, Backward Meals, Tacky Meals, Mud Fights, Soap Fights, Record Breaking Day, Killer, Coffee Houses, Kanapyramid and countless other theme and mini-programs were carried out almost daily last summer. The following are special events or themes that went exceptionally well: Glissade D'eau, Kanawoodstock, Secret Friends, Green Triangle, The Legend of the Tipi, Kabarets and The Chicago Coffee House.

### Birds Feeders

While not a program, four bird feeders were brought up to Kanawana and two others were built at camp this summer. These generated much joy for director, staff and campers alike. There is a profound sense of joy in watching the faces of two rambunctious junior boys as they sit motionless for fifteen minutes watching evening grosbeaks feed only inches in front of them. I strongly suggest that Kamp Kanawana expands upon this activity by adding more feeders and introducing nesting boxes for wood ducks, blue birds, wrens etc.

SPECIAL PROJECTS**Suez Bridge**

The entire senior boys section spent the second and third session rotating their time in razing and re-building the bridge across the Suez canal. Thousands of man hours were used in re-constructing the bridge.

**Junior Boys Forest Project**

The Junior Boys in the 2nd session, cordoned off two areas of their section. The first was to protect a nest of a wood thrushes and to allow the area to regenerate. The second was to replant an area in their section that had become eroded and depleted of all vegetation because of over use. Rock and leaf litter were brought in to protect the one hundred seedlings that they planted.

**C.I.T. Reforestation of Junior Boy Section**

The C.I.T.s relocated many spruce and fir trees to an upper section of the Junior Boys that needed replanting.

**C.I.T. Stair Building Program**

As their major project for 87 the C.I.T.s spent a week building a set of stairs and a retaining wall near the junior boys bathroom. The steps make the area safer and help stem the loss of topsoil due to erosion.

**Council Ring Project**

A senior boys' tent lead by Toby Desjardins spent a week during the fourth session razing and rebuilding a rotting council ring. The new council ring is better designed, larger and more aesthetic.

**The Cave**

The entire cave was stripped of all hike and trip equipment, scrubbed, painted and repaired by the Hike and Trip staff during pre-kamp. During the forth session Peter Lopata, our packer, re-built new steps leading up to the cave. The cave has never looked so good, or run so smoothly.

**Paths**

During the first session Chris Adam, our naturalist, cordoned off paths that were unnecessary and were seriously damaging our topsoil by acting as gullies during rainstorms. Rock were placed in piles upon these paths to catch the topsoil and help regenerate the areas.

STAFF

When I looked ahead to the summer of '87 in late May, I was nervous: going into the summer we only had three senior staff members that had ever been at Kamp Kanawana before. All the section directors and the B.O. Manager were rookies. We also had an unusually high turn over in the counselling ranks. In spite of, or perhaps because of, this I have never encountered a staff with the energy, commitment and where the heart-felt love of the campers so was so prevalent. The beauty of the '87 staff was that we didn't have one or two superstars whom the rest of the staff were in awe of, we had eighty good people all working their best. It was definitely a summer for the campers. It was also the strongest group of C.I.T.s that Kamp Kanawana had seen in many years, and they will be an excellent core to draw upon in the future.

Special notice should be given to our Hike and Trip staff: 4 in-camp trippers; 1 packer; and 2 Voyageur trip leaders. All of these incredible people were experienced Kanawanians. They ran the safest, best organized, and most enjoyable trips that I could have possibly hoped for.

New positions created or altered:

**Van Driver**

This year two drivers were hired for the summer. In the past one driver was used and the senior staff (in particular the H & T director) were used as the second driver. This worked out wonderfully. We never had to scratch for a driver, the senior staff spent more time in camp planning programs and the two drivers never got tired of just driving the van, as they could alternate.

**Canoe Assistant**

This year a junior counsellor was hired as a canoeing assistant to help augment the program. This meant we had more canoe repairs done, the program was expanded and this area of camp was never short-staffed.

**H & T Director**

This position was scrapped for the summer of '87. In the past, the post consisted of some administration, some P.R. and a lot of driving. The only reason that we could do without was because we had experienced trippers. Because this is only a half time job, another post should be coupled with it when it is brought back.

**Waterfront Director**

Instead of one waterfront director and an assistant, we hired two co-directors this past summer. This worked out well and allowed one of our directors time to run the Bronze Medallion classes for the C.I.T.s.

**Bunac**

The services of British Universities North American Club (BUNAC) were used for the first time last summer. This non-profit organization interviews 45,000 British university students, then selects 4,000 of the best for North American camps. This year four counsellors - 2 from England, 1 from Wales and 1 from Ireland - were hired. They were fabulous. They added a new dimension to the Kamp Kanawana program and were a hit with both campers and staff alike. While it involves hours of paperwork at Immigration and costs more than it does to hire a Canadian, I strongly recommend that this be done again.

SITE**Maintenance**

As per usual Julien and Yves held the camp together. Above and beyond the countless repairs and upkeep needed, the following are three major additions:

- 1) A new tent platform was constructed in the girls section. This will alleviate the annual problem of where to put the female J.C.s, who have in the past led nomadic lives.
- 2) A road was extended from the Junior parking lot to the canoe dock slip. This will greatly expedite the placing and removal and canoes, rowboats, sail boats, and canoe docks, as well as make the pump house more accessible.
- 3) A removable hanging wall was constructed around the odds and ends storage area behind the workshop. This wall hides all the necessary pipes and ducts stored near the middle of camp and makes camp look more aesthetic.

**Food services**

After five years of dealing with Claude and Richard Caterers a change was needed. They weren't offering a good variety of food; the quantity and quality was shrinking and the cost rising. This year the cafeteria service from Centre-ville Y was used. The food was much better, there was more of it and if it was properly managed, it would have been cheaper. I strongly recommend that their services be retained for next summer.

REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT 1988**Mattresses**

A large number of new mattresses are required for next summer (perhaps 100). While expensive, the time has come where they simply must be replaced. On top of the purchase of new mattresses, new mattress covers are needed for mattresses which can be salvaged.

**Tents**

While assisting the Tassé's in striking down the tents many of them were found to be in very poor repair. This is not due to abuse or misuse but it is simply due to age as much of the canvas has rotted. While very expensive, five new tents will be needed for next summer.

**Fire Proofing**

A new procedure now exists where canvas tents are treated to make them more flame proof. The process costs about \$40.00 per tent. All new tents purchased should be treated as well as any old tent will be used that will be used next summer. Cost \$40.00 per tent X 25 tents = \$1,000.00.

**Life Jackets**

A major purchase of good life jackets should be purchased before next summer. Many of the present ones are too old, missing panels, or odd sizes. If very cheap ones are purchased they do not last very long, so I suggest that we purchase life jackets of decent quality.

**Acid Rain**

Many of our large maples are dead or dying and the Tassés must cut more down each year. At this rate, in 5-7 years there will be no large trees left and much of the woodsy feeling experienced at Kamp Kanawana will become one replaced by a feeling of camping in a field. While new trees are being planted, this must escalate. Trees which are resistant to acid rain should be identified and planted before next summer. This is essential to any long range thoughts of maintaining a residential camp.

CONCLUSION

This report deals only with last summer and some direct needs for the summer of 88. Much of last year's report dealt with Kamp Kanawana in a larger, longer perspective. Many of the needs cited in last year's report are still pressing and should not be filed away to be forgotten; I simply did not wish to restate what was required to make Kamp Kanawana a better, more enjoyable camp.

From the 1986 report the following were completely done: 1.6, 2.7, 3.3, 4.9 and 5.2.

The following have been started or are partially done: 1.2, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, and 4.7.

THANKS

I would like to take a moment to say thank you to all the staff and campers of Kamp Kanawana for making the summer of '87 so special, so memorable. In particular I would like to thank Claudette Grenier, Julien Tassé and Yves Tassé, without whose dedication, foresight and joie de vivre would make the running of Kanawana an impossible task. Indeed, I have much to be thankful for.

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Claude Nault, Caterpillar  
Dave Paltiel  
Ross Seaman  
Vivian Turley  
Derek Walsh  
West Island Association for the Handicapped.

PUBLICITY

T.V. Ads \*, 3 french, 13 english

Yellow pages \*

Gazette - camp section

Gazette - West Island \*(4), and South Shore \*(3) sections.

Local Newspapers - West Island Chronicle \*(3)

McGill Daily - Staff \*(6)

Concordia Link - Staff \*(5)

T.M.R. Weekly Post (3)

Westmount Examiner (3)

The Monitor (4),

The Downtowner (4)

Willingdon Home and School \*(1)

Posters and information in each branch

Ads in Centre-ville and West Island Y spring brochures \*

Information sent to all Consulates in Montreal \*

\* Used for the 1st time

FREE PUBLICITY

T.V. ads

2 articles on camping including Kamp Kanawana in the Gazette

Listing in the Camping Guide from Association des camps du Quebec.

Radio - Kanawana mentioned on CHOM and CJAD

Radio CBC conducted Canada AM interview at Kamp Kanawana.

Article on camping including Kamp Kanawana in Journal de Montreal.

DEMOGRAPHIC LISTING OF KAMP KANAWANA'S CAMPERS

-----Summer 1987-----

-----Summer 1986-----

	ISLAND OF MONTREAL	TOTAL		ISLAND OF MONTREAL	TOTAL
<b>GREATER MONTREAL</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>85%</b>
N.D.G., Snowdon, Downtown	163	40%	29%	194	49%
Westmount	62	15%	11%	71	18%
Montreal West	34	8%	6%	25	6%
Town of Mount Royal	14	3%	3%	19	5%
Outremont	12	3%	2%	8	2%
LaSalle	8	2%	1%	3	1%
Lachine	7	2%	1%	2	1%
Hampstead	6	2%	1%	4	1%
Cote St-Luc	5	1%	1%	3	1%
St-Laurent	5	1%	1%	4	1%
Nun's Island	5	1%	1%	1	-
St-Leonard	3	1%	-	4	1%
Verdun	2	1%	-	1	-
<b>WEST ISLAND</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>13%</b>
Dollard des Ormeaux	20	5%	4%	4	1%
Beaconsfield	18	5%	3%	15	4%
Pointe Claire	11	3%	2%	10	3%
Hudson	7	2%	1%	10	3%
Pierrefonds	7	2%	1%	-	-
Kirkland	5	1%	1%	3	1%
Baie D'Urfe	5	1%	1%	1	-
Dorval	4	1%	1%	6	2%
St-Anne de Bellevue	1	-	-	1	-
<b>MONTRÉAL ISLAND TOTAL</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>SOUTH SHORE</b>	<b>48</b>		<b>9%</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>8%</b>
St-Bruno	9		2%	8	2%
Longueuil	8		1%	10	2%
Brossard	7		1%	9	2%
St-Lambert	5		1%	4	1%
Chateauguay	4		1%	-	-
Greenfield Park	2		-	1	-
Candiac	2		-	1	-
Boucherville	2		-	-	-
St-Hubert	1		-	2	-
St-Constant	1		-	2	-
St-Antoine L'Abbé	1		-	1	-
St-Urbain	1		-	1	-
St-Charles	1		-	1	-
Kanawake	1		-	1	-
Varennes	1		-	1	-
Beloeil	1		-	1	-
Delson	1		-	-	-

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	-----Summer 1987-----	-----Summer 1986-----	
	TOTAL	TOTAL	
<b>LAVAL</b>	23	4%	13
Rosemere	4	1%	4
Laval	3	1%	-
Boisbriand	3	1%	-
Ste-Therese	2	-	1
Ste-Rose	2	-	1
Duvernay	2	-	-
Ste-Dorothée	2	-	-
Lorraine	2	-	-
Repentigny	1	-	3
Lachenaie	1	-	2
Ste-Eustache	1	-	-
<b>LAURENTIANS</b>	29	5%	14
St-Jérôme	4	1%	6
Mt. Tremblant	4	1%	-
Arundel	3	1%	2
St-Jovite	2	-	1
Morin Heights	2	-	-
St-Sauveur	2	-	-
Lachute	2	-	-
Piedmont	2	-	-
St-Hippolyte	2	-	-
Bellefeuille	2	-	-
Milles Isles	1	-	1
St-Adèle	1	-	-
Shawbridge	1	-	-
Lac Carré	1	-	-
<b>QUEBEC CITY AREA</b>	13	2%	10
Ste-Foy	7	1%	4
Quebec City	3	1%	2
Lauzon	2	-	-
St-Augustin	1	-	-
<b>EASTERN TOWNSHIPS</b>	5	1%	5
Weedon	1	-	1
Hemmingford	1	-	-
Sherbrooke	1	-	-
Knowlton	1	-	-
Mansonville	1	-	-

DEMOGRAPHIC LISTING OF KAMP KANAWANA'S CAMPERS

	-----Summer 1987-----	-----Summer 1986-----	
	TOTAL	TOTAL	
<b>NORTH SHORE</b>	3	1%	4
Jonquière	1	-	-
Grand Mère	1	-	-
Nicolet	1	-	-
<b>GASPE</b>	3	1%	1
Charlesbourg	3	1%	1
<b>WESTERN QUEBEC</b>	2	-	8
Pincourt	1	-	5
ST-Lazare	1	-	1
<b>ONTARIO</b>	13	2%	15
Ottawa	8	1%	9
Toronto	2	-	4
Gloucester	2	-	-
Nepean	1	-	-
<b>OTHER PROVINCES</b>	2	-	2
Alberta	2	-	1
<b>U.S.A.</b>	12	2%	14
New York	4	1%	1
Massachusetts	3	1%	5
Washington, DC	2	-	2
Connecticut	1	-	1
New Jersey	1	-	1
Oregon	1	-	-
<b>FOREIGN</b>	7	1%	6
France	2	-	3
Barbados	2	-	2
Spain	1	-	-
England	1	-	-
Mexico	1	-	-
<b>TOTAL CAMPERS</b>	564		532

STATISTICSCamper's weeks total summer 1987: 1412 (93.3%)

	<u>SESSION 1</u>	<u>SESSION 2</u>	<u>SESSION 3</u>	<u>SESSION 4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
JUNIOR BOYS	47	49	49	47	192
JUNIOR GIRLS	24	41	39	26	130
SENIOR BOYS	41	49	49	50	189
SENIOR GIRLS	38	49	52	56	195
	<u>150</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>189</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>706</u>
VOYAGEURS		12	11		

Total campers (Summer 1987): 566  
 Families who sent two or more children: 98

77.6% Anglophone  
 22.4% Francophone

Kamp Kanawana sponsored 12 children in 1987 for a total of \$4,394.00

Les Voyageurs de la Verendrye weeks: 46 - Summer 1987  
 Les Voyageurs de la Verendrye weeks: 22 - Summer 1986

Camper weeks 1412 - Summer 1987 (93.3%)

Camper weeks 1400 - Summer 1986 (92.5%)

Camper weeks 1214 - Summer 1985 (80.2%)

COMPARISON OF SUMMER FEESSUMMER 1984

June 28 - July 11  
 July 12 - July 25  
 July 27 - Aug. 09  
 Aug. 10 - Aug. 23

SUMMER 1985

June 27 - July 10  
 July 11 - July 24  
 July 26 - Aug. 08  
 Aug. 09 - Aug. 22

SUMMER 1986

June 26 - July 09  
 July 10 - July 23  
 July 25 - Aug. 07  
 Aug. 08 - Aug. 21

SUMMER 1987

June 25 - July 08  
 July 09 - July 22  
 July 24 - Aug. 06  
 Aug. 07 - Aug. 20

Junior

2 weeks	\$ 385.00
4 weeks	\$ 745.00
6 weeks	\$1105.00
8 weeks	\$1465.00

Junior

2 weeks	\$ 410.00
4 weeks	\$ 790.00
6 weeks	\$1175.00
8 weeks	\$1560.00

Junior

2 weeks	\$ 430.00
4 weeks	\$ 830.00
6 weeks	\$1235.00
8 weeks	\$1640.00

Junior

2 weeks	\$ 470.00
4 weeks	\$ 910.00
6 weeks	\$1360.00
8 weeks	\$1810.00

Senior

2 weeks	\$ 400.00
4 weeks	\$ 770.00
6 weeks	\$1145.00
8 weeks	\$1515.00

Senior

2 weeks	\$ 450.00
4 weeks	\$ 860.00
6 weeks	\$1275.00
8 weeks	\$1690.00

Senior

2 weeks	\$ 470.00
4 weeks	\$ 900.00
6 weeks	\$1340.00
8 weeks	\$1775.00

Senior

2 weeks	\$ 520.00
4 weeks	\$ 990.00
6 weeks	\$1470.00
8 weeks	\$1950.00

Voyageurs

2 weeks	\$ 380.00
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Voyageurs

2 weeks	\$ 400.00
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Voyageurs

2 weeks	\$ 425.00
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Voyageurs

2 weeks	\$ 500.00
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